

NEWS BRIEFS

Chili sale

A chili sale fundraiser for the enlisted dining out is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the community center. Cost is \$5 and includes a bowl of chili, crackers, combread and a drink. Call Ext. 2747.

Heritage banquet

The African-American Heritage Month banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Columbus Club. Retired Lt. Col. Herbert Carter, Tuskegee Airman, is the guest speaker. Cost is \$13 for club members, \$16 for nonmembers. Purchase tickets by Wednesday. Call Ext. 7440.

Fund drive

The Air Force Assistance Fund campaign kicks off with a breakfast at 7 a.m. Feb. 25 at the Cardinal Inn Dining Facility. Only active-duty people will be solicited for contributions. Call the installation project officer at Ext. 3063.

Picnic

The Air Force Sergeants Association hosts a picnic from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. today at the community center. Call Ext. 2409.

Gospel celebration

A free gospel concert is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the theater. Call Tech. Sgt. Jacinda Rivers at Ext. 7151.

Prayer luncheon

The Columbus AFB National Prayer Luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Columbus Club. The guest speaker is Retired Gen. Chuck Horner. Tickets are available beforehand or at the door and are \$5 for E-1 through E-4. All other tickets are \$10. Call Ext. 2500.

Housing renovations

The housing office is looking for volunteers for kitchen renovations in Capitol Village housing. Anyone interested can fill out a volunteer form letter in the housing office in Bldg. 926. Call Ext. 2840.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 1,401

Flown: 1,337

T-1A

Goal: 1,135 hrs.

Flown: 1,045 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 685

Flown: 623

Reserve generation band gives drug-free show for local youth

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Editor

The Air Force Reserve Generation Band from Warner Robins AFB, Ga., performed two shows per day Monday and Tuesday at Lee Middle School in Columbus.

The performance was part of a "Generation Drug Free" campaign aimed at fifth through eighth grade students.

"The band travels the U.S. throughout the year performing to over 80,000 children per year," said Julie Jones, Columbus AFB Drug Demand Reduction Program manager. "These two days worked best for the schools and for the band."

The Reserve Generation band's "Reserve Generation Drug-Free Show" presentation features upbeat songs that encourage children to stay away from drugs, according to Staff Sgt. Tamiko Boone, female vocalist.

Any young person can benefit from the "Choices" compact disk, which is a compilation of the band's tunes, she said.

"But we were excited about performing during this campaign because it targets fifth through eighth graders, which is the perfect age to discuss drugs," she said. "High school is too late."

The message seemed to get across as the children started clapping and even singing along with some of the songs.

"Some of the songs we sing are uplifting ones off the radio that the kids know," Boone said. "It helps to keep them interested while we're getting this important message to them."

It makes a difference to the band when the children get excited.

"I love it [when they start participating]," Boone said. "It gives me a rush to know they're listening and understanding what we're trying to tell them."

After the performance, teachers were provided the "Choices" CD to use in their classrooms throughout the school year to emphasize the anti-drug message.



Tech Sgt. Jim Moser

Staff Sgt. Tamiko Boone, Air Force Reserve Generation Band vocalist, sings a song during one of four shows the band performed at Lee Middle School.

"The opportunity to work with the AF Reserve Generation Band, Columbus schools, and leaders in the community was wonderful," Jones said. "If these performances encouraged one child to say 'no' to drugs, then we have made a difference."



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Retiree Day

Gil Mata (right) exchange manager, gives Reba Hall, of Columbus, information about specials at the exchange during Retiree Appreciation Day Saturday at the Columbus Club. More than 170 retirees received information about their medical, dental and base-wide benefits. They attended briefings from Lt. Col. Edward Jenkins, Tricare lead agent, Keesler AFB, Miss., and retired Col. Glen Dunlap. A Delta Dental representative was also on hand to answer questions concerning dental insurance.



Arbor Day

Second Lt. Ryan Nelson, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, discusses the importance of trees with (from right to left) Angela Sartore, Cub Scout den leader; and Duncan Robertson, Nick Papachriston, Noah Sartore and Abram Sartore, Cub Scout members, Saturday. The trees were planted at SAC Lake in honor of Arbor Day.

14th CES wins AETC-level award

Staff Shelby Martin
Staff writer

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight was named the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Environmental Flight of the Year.

The environmental flight competed against 13 AETC bases and received the AETC Award Jan. 30 in Nashville, Tenn.

The environmental flight is also the first in the Air Force to participate in an Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Review Management Review and has gone nine years without a notice of violation from an environmental enforcement agency.

“We view the award as a Columbus AFB award instead of just a civil engineer award,” said Mike Smith, 14th CES environmental flight chief. “This award is a testimony of the outstanding envi-

ronmental stewardship on and off base. State regulators have commented on our good relations with local and state agencies.”

“The flight has a well structured program that involves everyone from the wing leadership to the guy on the shop floor as noted by the EPA,” said Lt. Col. Michael Hass, 14th CES commander. “We are the model base.”

The nine-person environmental flight developed a facility response plan setting the AETC benchmark for future plans and revised the base spill plan adopted as a model for all AETC bases.

The flight was involved with projects to remove unnecessary oil water separators and underground storage tanks.

“They have exceeded all the metrics like hazardous wastes and solid waste diversion,” Hass said.

“The award is well deserved; they’re doing a good job,” Hass added.



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Exercise

Senior Airmen Mike Smith and Jules Scalisi and Staff Sgt. Curtis Taylor, 14th Security Forces Squadron, load blanks into magazines during a deployment exercise Saturday at the SAC Alert Facility. Airmen refreshed skills on weapons, self aid and buddy care, explosive ordinance reconnaissance marking and reporting and more.



Field-training course opens

TYNDALL AFB, Fla. — Personnel airmen were officially welcomed into Silver Flag training in a ceremony recently.

Maj. Gen. Michael McMahan, commander of the Air Force Personnel Center, cut the ribbon that officially marked the entry of the career field into the field-training program.

“We’ve learned a lot since Sept. 11, 2001,” the general said, “but we’ve especially learned the importance of having a combat-ready Air Force. Never before have we had troops at so many bases utilizing the training they received here.”

“The variety and number of bases we’re at and the speed and precision we’re using in fighting this war on terrorism is truly utilizing all the skills and training of all our folks,” he added.

The Silver Flag course, taught at Tyndall, is an Air Combat Command program that teaches airmen from several career fields, including civil engineering and services, how to build and run a bare-base operation at a forward-deployed location, which is something that’s becoming more common across the Air Force.

Tech. Sgt. Farrell Thomas, Air Force Personnel Readiness Programs chief at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, said the importance of this step is monumental.

“This is a huge step for this career field,” he said. “This training is something personnel troops can’t do at home. This is an opportunity for our folks to fine-tune deployment skills so when they are sent to a forward-operating location they are truly warriors.”

The course is one week long, and teams from several bases attend the training together, integrate as a team and build the base as a team — just like they would in a real-world deployment. *(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News)*

Deployed firefighters practice

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM — An explosion rocks the flightline during a routine maintenance operation aboard a C-17 Globemaster III. Within minutes, firefighters are on the move, racing toward the scene to save lives and fight the raging fire.

That was the scenario for an emergency exercise held at a deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom recently. Although the situation described above did not really happen, the 13 members of the 40th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Department went roaring into action as if it were the real thing.

The exercise tested the abilities of firefighters to respond to an emergency involving a C-17 aircraft, said Senior Master Sgt. “Milo,” the fire chief. They train each month on all assigned aircraft to make sure they are familiar with entry procedures, aircraft shut-down and aircrew extraction.

Most of the firefighters here are deployed from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C. Milo, the only firefighter deployed from MacDill AFB, Fla., said the exercise went extremely well.

“Firefighters positioned vehicles to cover rescue-crew members entering the aircraft while deploying hand-lines from vehicles to fight the simulated fire,” he said.

The firefighters are coping with the real-world demands of a deployed environment, Milo said, but training is never set aside.

“We only have a few minutes to get into the aircraft and save lives,” he said. *(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)*

Columbus AFB selects top military, civilians for 2001

Flight Commander of the Year

The 2001 Flight Commander of the Year is Capt. Tim Sundvall, 14th Operations Group. Last year, Sundvall produced 31 quality T-37 graduates with zero Phase III losses, had an assigned student achieve the highest Merit Assignment Selection System ranking at Columbus AFB in over two years and commanded the best 37th Flying Training Squadron class performance to date.



First Sergeant of the Year

The 2001 First Sergeant of the Year is Master Sgt. Dwight Eddings, 14th Support Group. Last year, Eddings formed a committee of senior enlisted people to do a quality control check on decorations, resolved three Red Cross emergencies and showed firm discipline in two sexual harassment cases. Eddings also coordinated an emergency airlift back to the United States for a severely injured Air Force person.



Airman of the Year

The 2001 Airman of the Year is Airman 1st Class Thad Werner, 14th SPTG. Last year, Werner voluntarily edited and reviewed base publications and forms before official approval and release, paying flawless attention to detail on over 200 wing forms and publications and was responsible for the timely preparation, editorial review and Web release of the weekly base bulletin. Werner also became the primary wing Webmaster, saving the 14th Communications Squadron \$35,000.



Category II Civilian of the Year

The 2001 Category II Civilian of the Year is Brenda Dale, 14th FTW. Last year, Dale provided the financial backbone to support over 3,100 active-duty people, civilians and contractors, managed the invoice and receiving report processes to reduce base interest penalty payments and managed \$1.6 million in Requests for Purchase commitments. Dale also spearheaded training for resource advisors on new methods.



Instructor Pilot of the Year

First Lt. Scott Rowe, 14th OG, is the Instructor Pilot of the Year for 2001. Over the year, Rowe’s students averaged 3.3 downgrades per check-ride while the 37th FTS’s average was 5.4 downgrades per ride. Rowe flawlessly handled an engine failure during a heavy-weight touch-and-go pattern, saving two lives, and managed the commander’s support staff, including three enlisted people and one civilian.



SNCO of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Larry Reese, 14th OG, is the SNCO of the Year for 2001. Over the year, Reese managed a \$27 million aircraft maintenance contract, encompassing 35 different shops and more than 600 personnel, maintaining over 215 T-37, T-38 and T-1 trainer aircraft. Reese also improved contractor performance, assuring mission-capable rates met Air Education and Training Command logistics standards for six months.



Honor Guardsman of the Year

Airman 1st Class Anthony Calvo, 14th OG, is the Honor Guardsman of the Year for 2001. Calvo met the HG board where he responded to questions from the Honor Guard manual, Air Force general knowledge, current events and flawlessly performed a drill presentation. His ability to communicate and perform under pressure earned him this much deserved award.



Category I Civilian of the Year

Pam Guadagno, 14th SPTG, is the Category I Civilian of the Year for 2001. Over the year, Guadagno worked with internal and external customers with loyalty, enthusiasm and a “can do” attitude and established a first-rate suspense system ensuring 100 percent on-time turn-in rate of critical division correspondence. Guadagno also submitted several top-quality staff summary packages on time.



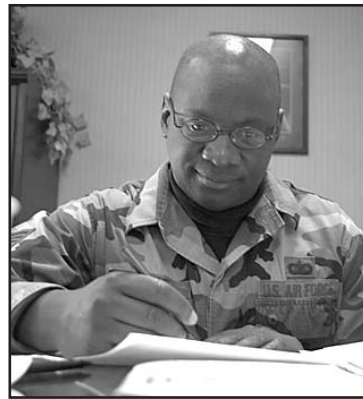
CGO of the Year

The CGO of the Year for 2001 is Capt. Johnny Barnes, 14th OG. In 2001, Barnes oversaw 6,000 flying hours, 4,400 student events and nearly 300 instructor pilot continuation training events, discovered and corrected error on graduation awards spreadsheet, preventing possible future errors and implemented a new T-1 IP Guide for his flight. Barnes also worked diligently on classes 01-12 and 01-13 assignment blocks, optimizing student preferences and abilities.



NCO of the Year

The NCO of the Year for 2001 is Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mott, 14th Flying Training Wing. In 2001, Mott garnered 100 percent of the end-of-year re-request through complete prioritization, conducted quarterly 100-percent inventory and security management and prepared every weekly staff meeting. Mott also assisted the wing protocol officer in various areas to ensure total satisfaction for guests and distinguished visitors and was an intermediary between air show crews and vendors.



Category III Civilian of the Year

The Category III Civilian of the Year for 2001 is Agnes Webb, 14th OG. In 2001, Webb was responsible for an \$83.5 million budget and oversaw funding for a \$4.4 million simulator contract and a \$26 million aircraft maintenance contract. Webb also prepared monthly reports mandated by headquarters and validated all Interfund bills, ensuring proper billing — a \$22 million task.



Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year for 2001 is Jan Russell, Officers Spouses Club. In 2001, Russell assisted the coordinator of the wing’s 60th alumni banquet with a phenomenal portrayal of decorative design, by surveying the club, conceptualizing the design, and doing the decorating to provide a beautiful and memorable evening for all who attended. Russell also sold and delivered donuts for the 48th Flying Training Squadron’s annual donut sale.



Feedback: Essential to maximize development

Master Sgt. Woody Pope
14th Contracting Squadron



Over the past 20 years, I’ve seen and worked for some great supervisors. But, I’ve also seen and worked for some supervisors that could use a few lessons from the masters. The supervisors who were really on target seemed to understand the importance of feedback.

Let me give you a hypothetical situation. It’s two days prior to your performance report closeout, your supervisor comes rushing in and declares that you need to have feedback and that this feedback session is mandatory!

So he or she spends about 10 minutes filling out a form and telling you how great you are doing. You leave the feedback session thinking everything is going great! After the session you see the final performance report in your records and it is not the firewall five that you thought it would be. What do you feel? Nothing shy of anger,

deficiencies?

That’s why feedback is so important. There are many different means of improving performance.

However, I believe performance feedback is the single most important means that a supervisor has for improving performance. Feedback provides troops with a clear picture of how they are doing in the job they are assigned.

Feedback is the tool of choice to let people that work for you know where they stand in relation to duty expectations and standards.

But it is only effective when given frequently, honestly and in a consistent manner. It is important for people to know how they are doing and where

frustration, betrayal and resentment for that supervisor for starters. Why didn’t that supervisor give you proper feedback that may have improved your performance report if you were given a chance to correct performance

they can improve their performance.

To conduct effective feedback, supervisors must communicate their expectations clearly and then follow up with regular feedback sessions (initial and midterm as a minimum) to let your people know how they measure up to expectations.

Feedback is a real motivator. Both verbal and non-verbal feedback is effective. People who know what’s expected of them and how they are doing on meeting expectations try harder at tasks than those who don’t. To get the most out of people, provide them with a forum for open communication.

Take a few minutes each day to visit with your people and find out how they are doing. Let them know you care about what they are doing and how it fits into the mission. And if they are doing a great job for you, tell them.

People appreciate a supervisor who says thank you. On the other side of the coin, if their performance is lacking, let

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them know. Caution: don’t just criticize but let them know how they can improve.

So, for those of you providing effective feedback, please continue to take care of your people. If you haven’t taken an active role in giving feedback to your people, I encourage you to do so starting today.

We as supervisors and leaders are privileged to work with dedicated talented professionals who want to know what is expected of them and how they are doing in comparison to those expectations. We must lead with an understanding that our people want to do a good job and want to improve where they can. It is our job to provide the leadership and feedback in order to maximize their potential as part of our Air Force team.

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE



Tech Sgt. Jim Moser

Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, helps Airman 1st Class Verlinda Brown, 14th Operations Support Squadron, with her ground crew ensemble jacket during the wing-wide contingency deployment exercise Saturday. The exercise began Feb. 6 and helped Columbus AFB people ready for real-world deployments. During the exercise, Quelly stressed the importance of personal readiness.

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Air Force stays committed to deployment cycles

Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The combination of America’s war on terrorism and steady state commitments worldwide has put increased strain on the Air Force’s aerospace expeditionary forces. However, except for a few stressed career fields, officials at the Pentagon say normal rotations should be back soon.

“Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper is committed to the AEF construct — a three-month deployment with a 12-month period at home,” said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Kohler, director of operational plans, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

“Given the war on terrorism, we had to go through a momentary blip in our rotation schedule,” he said. “However, it looks like we’re going to be on time in bringing home about 90 percent of the people who are currently deployed. We will rotate the forces deployed for operations Enduring Freedom, Northern Watch and Southern Watch so that those who deployed first will be allowed to rotate home first to the maximum extent possible.”

“The reason we are stressed is simple — we do such a great job. We went out and set up these bases and started generating sorties as soon as we were asked. ...”

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Kohler
deputy chief of staff for air and space operations

There are some exceptions, Kohler said. While Air Force leaders are working hard to come up with a solution, a very small number of career fields may not be able to rotate as scheduled, he said.

“We know that there are some stressed career fields, such as security forces, combat communications and firefighters, that might have to stay a little longer,” Kohler said. “But that’s not to say that absolutely everyone in those career fields will be staying longer.”

The deployment picture will start to come into focus by the middle of February when the Air Force begins scheduling for the rotation in March, he said.

“It might work out that only one or two unit type codes out of an entire civil engineering squadron might be the stressed career field,” Kohler said. “We just don’t know yet because we haven’t gotten down to that level of fidelity.”

The tremendous performance of the AEF in Operation Enduring Freedom is what caused the stress on certain career fields in the first place, Kohler said.

“The Air Force is sort of a victim of its own success,” Kohler said. “The reason we are stressed is simple — we do such a great job. We went out and set up these bases and started generating sorties as soon as we were asked. I think the results speak for themselves in the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. The (U.S.) Central Command commander in chief could not have done what he did without the superb work of all the airmen who went out and set it up.”

To ease the problems the Air Force has in stressed career fields under current requirements, about 10 percent of the people will stay deployed a little longer — some up to 135 days; others, up to 179 days,

Kohler said. To cover the overlap, the second part of the solution will be to reach into the next AEF and bring replacement unit type codes forward about 45 days. Any reduction in current requirements may get the AEF cycle on track a little bit quicker, he said.

Another way to relieve some of the burden on our deployed people is to find additional airmen who normally do not deploy and place them in an AEF library.

“This crisis has caused us to look a little bit deeper,” Kohler said. “We’d like to be able to find people who we haven’t originally had in an AEF library who can deploy but normally don’t deploy. For example, Air Education and Training Command has instructors who have special skill sets, and the AETC leadership has said that there may be periods in the year when they can rotate. This is just one example and we’re looking at all options.”

Other fixes for stressed career fields are going to take some time and may only be resolved with increased manpower. Although the Air Force has asked for an end-strength increase of about 22,000 with 7,000 requested for this year, because of training requirements, this is more of a long-term solution, Kohler said.

“This is an extraordinary time for the Air Force and our country,” Jumper recently told commanders. “The nation is grateful for the sacrifices our airmen continue to make in meeting our commitments to fight the war on terrorism and defend the American homeland. The secretary and I are proud of the job you are doing and we are personally committed to maintaining the AEF rotation schedule to the greatest possible extent.”

AFRICAN AMERICAN MONTH SPOTLIGHT



Senior Airman Cushiyah Yehuda
14th Flying Training Wing
Emergency action controller
Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

What does this month mean to you?: African American Heritage Month means pride and unity. It’s a month where we all look like back and see how far we’ve come and the achievements we’ve accomplished in and out of the military.

Roberts repelled a raiding party of about 20 Germans by themselves while guarding a Western front lookout post. Roberts, seriously wounded, managed to keep Johnson supplied with grenades. Once their ammunition was depleted, Johnson attacked with his combat knife, forcing the Germans to retreat. American papers reported the 15 May 1918 occurrence as the “Battle of Henry Johnson.”

In addition to the African-Americans actively involved in the war, inventor Garrett A. Morgan played a key role in the outcome of the war. It was his working gas mask prototype that eventually saved millions of lives from German gas attacks.

The African-American contribution to “The Great War” had implications not only for the future of the military, but also for the United States.

Upon their return, soldiers who had received heroes’ accolades in France experienced frustrations over the contempt and open hostility from their own countrymen. These feelings led to nine-fold increases in National Association for the Advancement of Colored People membership and fueled an intense desire for complete inclusion in the military.

regulated to service supply regiments. However, they again excelled with such dedication that the French publicly praised and rewarded their heroics and sacrifices.

One such hero was Eugene Bullard, who became the first African-American combat pilot — 25 years before the graduation of the famed Tuskegee Airmen. Bullard, a Georgia native, originally enlisted in the French Foreign Legion. After being wounded twice and declared disabled, he was accepted into the French Flying Corps on the basis of combat heroism. By the end of the war, Bullard had flown over 20 missions against the Germans, shot down more than five aircraft (an “ace”), been wounded five times and received 10 decorations, including the Croix de Guerre and the Legion d’Honneur (France’s equivalent to the Congressional Medal of Honor).

Another remarkable account involved two members of the 369th Infantry. The 369th, an African-American unit, was one of the first regiments to arrive in France. They never retreated, never lost a soldier as prisoner and returned as one of the most decorated units of the war. Corporal Henry Johnson and Private Needham

In this war, most African-Americans were subjected to discrimination far worse than in previous military service and were



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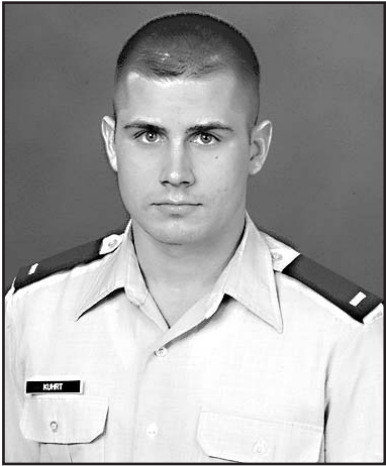
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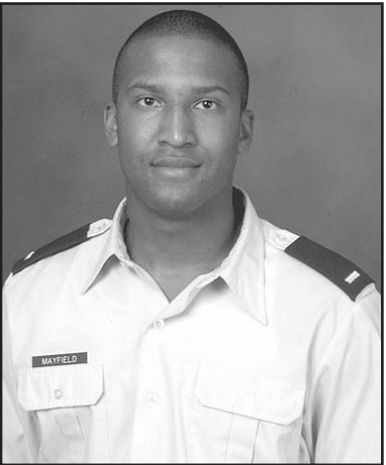
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T-1A Jayhawk

U.S. Air Force photo

SUPT Class 02-05 earn silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-05 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. William Breckner, commander of 17th Air Force Headquarters, Sembach AB, Germany.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Mark Baran, T-1A, and Aaron Williams, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding student overall in the class.

Lieutenants Baran and Williams also received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying averages in their flights.

Williams and 2nd Lt. Albert Lowe, T-38, received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic averages in their flights.

Second Lts. Jonathan Smith, T-38, and Michael Ulsh, T-1A, received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Taylor Ferrel, T-38, and Ulsh. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Williams and Baran were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a three-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

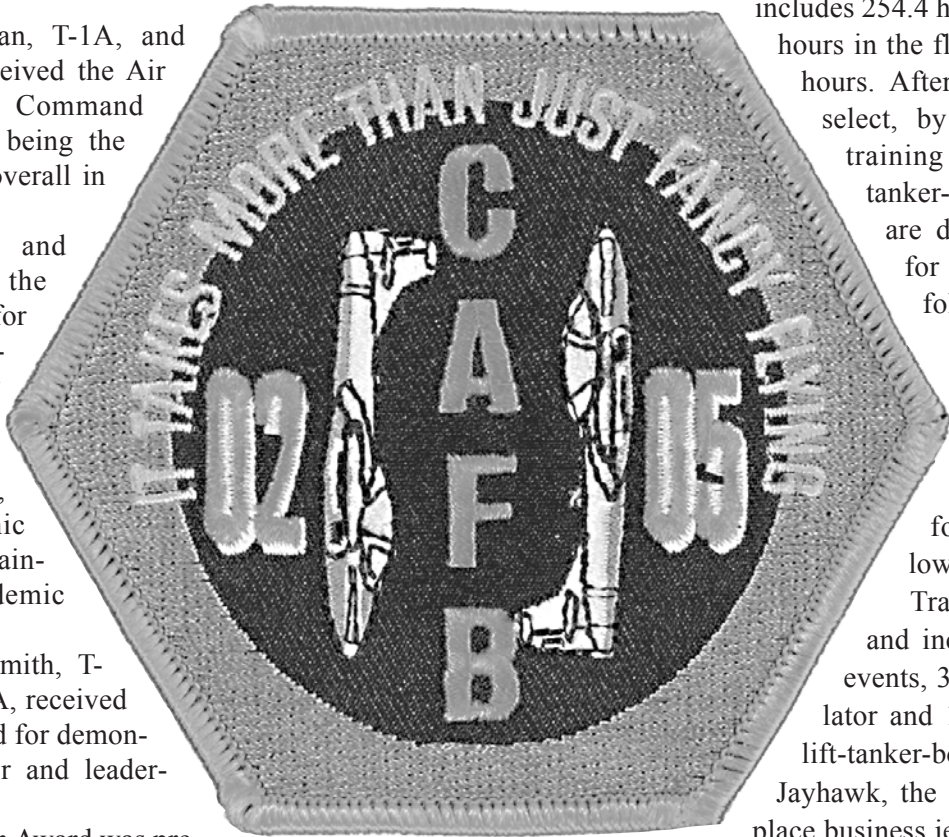
Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours. After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter or airlift-tanker-bomber track. Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat twin-engine supersonic jet.

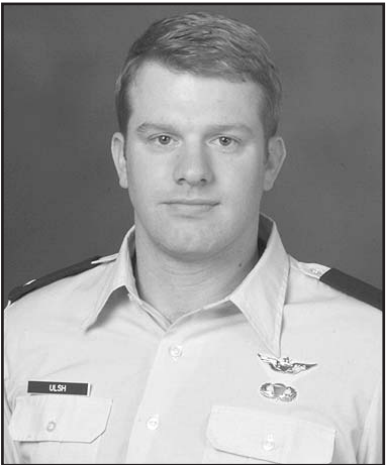
T-38 training emphasizes formation, navigation and low-level navigation flying.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker-bomber track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management in a multi-place crew aircraft. Flight training includes visual and instrument transition, radar cell formation and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours. The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



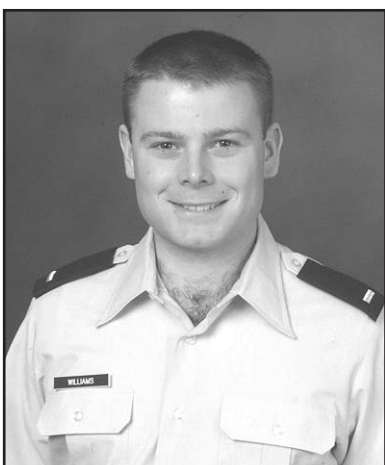
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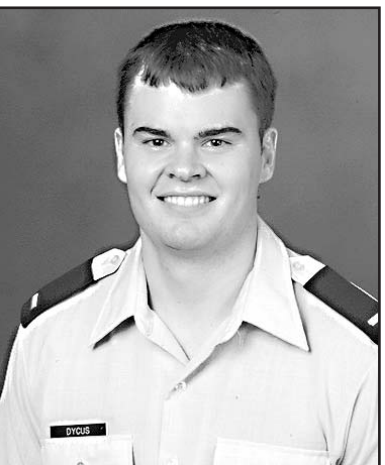
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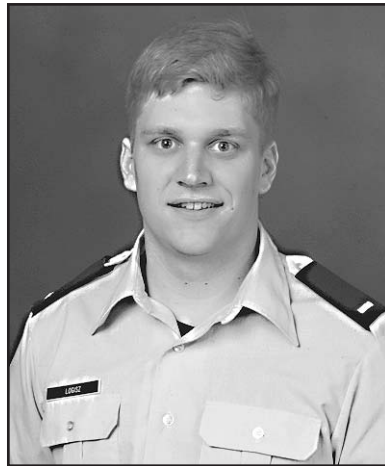
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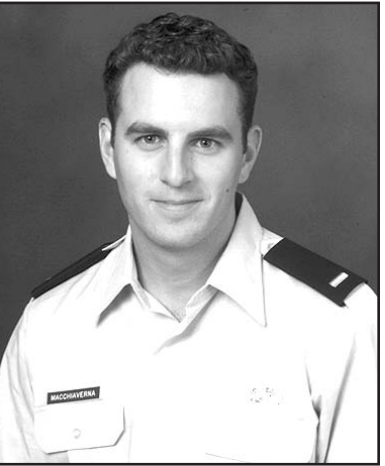
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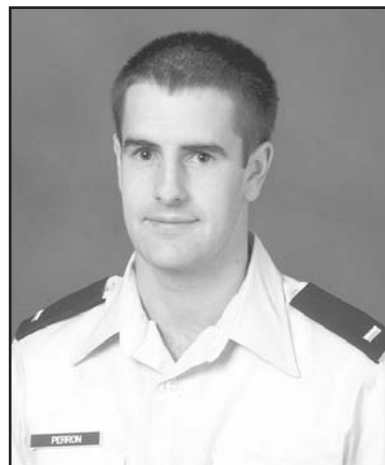
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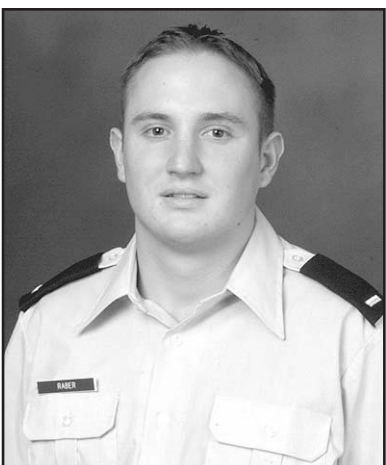
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2nd Lt. Stefano Savoia
Ravenna, Italy
MB-339, Galatina, Italy



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Services: Passport to fun

♥ **Bingo:** Bar bingo is offered at 5:30 p.m. Fridays in the enlisted lounge. There are two \$25 regular games, two \$50 regular games and a \$500 progressive jackpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 52 numbers or less.

Two door prizes for lunch at the Columbus Club will be drawn Fridays. The enlisted lounge opens at 5 p.m. A services card is required to play. Call Ext. 2489.

♥ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today. Call Ext. 2489.

♥ **Presidents' Day holiday brunch:** The Cardinal Inn Dining Facility offers a special holiday meal from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday. Main entrees include round of beef, Dijon chicken and Southern fried catfish.

♥ **Presidents' Day holiday hours:** The following services activities will be open Monday — the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Cardinal Inn Dining Facility from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m. and the Whispering Pines Golf Course from 8 a.m. to dusk. All other services activities will be closed.

♥ **German buffet:** The Columbus Club's Tuesday night buffet features a German buffet from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.95 for services card holders and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

♥ **Win a Caribbean cruise:** Air Education and Training Command is hosting the Cupid's Caribbean Cruise program until March 1. Two AETC club members are going to win a seven-day Caribbean cruise. Current AETC club members receive an entry form when making a food purchase of \$2 or more. The club member then completes the form and returns it along with their cash register receipt.

Each week, the club will be giving away a \$100 cash prize, complimentary lunches and more. The last drawing will be March 1 where six semi-finalists will be selected to be entered into the command drawing for the two grand prize winners. Estimated value for each of the grand prizes is \$3,500 which does include airfare. Call Ext. 2489.

♥ **Chef Anthony's cooking class:** Club members may register for Chef's Anthony's four-week cooking class from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 6 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$30 per person and is limited to the first 15 people to register.

Each week will cover a different aspect of cooking. Week one is appetizers, week two is displays and garnishes, week three students will learn the fundamentals of sauces and the last lesson will cover entrees and vegetables. Call Ext. 2489.

♥ **Spring Break Golf Clinic:** The youth center and Whispering Pines Golf Course are co-hosting a youth

clinic for ages 8 and older from 9 to 10:30 a.m. March 11 to 15 at the golf course. Cost is \$25 for youth center members and \$35 for non-members and includes a T-shirt and a sleeve of golf balls.

The youth center will provide clubs if needed. Clinic is limited to the first 20 paid participants. Deadline to register is Feb. 28. Call Ext. 2504.

♥ **Spring Break day camp:** The youth center has a few openings available for this special camp from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 11 to 15.

The program is open to children in kindergarten to sixth grades. Parents must provide child's shot records and a current leave and earnings statement. Fees are based on salary. Call Ext. 2504.

♥ **Tole painting class:** The skills development center's project this month is called "America Home of the Free." Learn to cut your own wood.

Class times are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Cost is \$44.50 plus wood. Call Ext. 7836.

♥ **Disney World/Universal Studio Trip:** Spend Spring Break, March 11 to 15, in Orlando, Fla. for the Information, Ticket and Travel trip to Disney World and Universal Studios.

Cost is \$160 each for the first two people in the same room, \$75 for a third person, \$50 for a fourth person and free to the fifth person. Cost includes four nights lodging, transportation and shuttle service while in Orlando.

Free tickets for active duty personnel are available to Disney World and Universal Studios. Half price tickets available for active duty family members. Call Ext. 7858.

♥ **Child care spaces available:** The child development center has full time spaces available in the 6-week-to 6-month-old and the 3- to 4-year-old rooms. Parents may also place their child on the waiting list for other age groups. Call Ext. 2479.

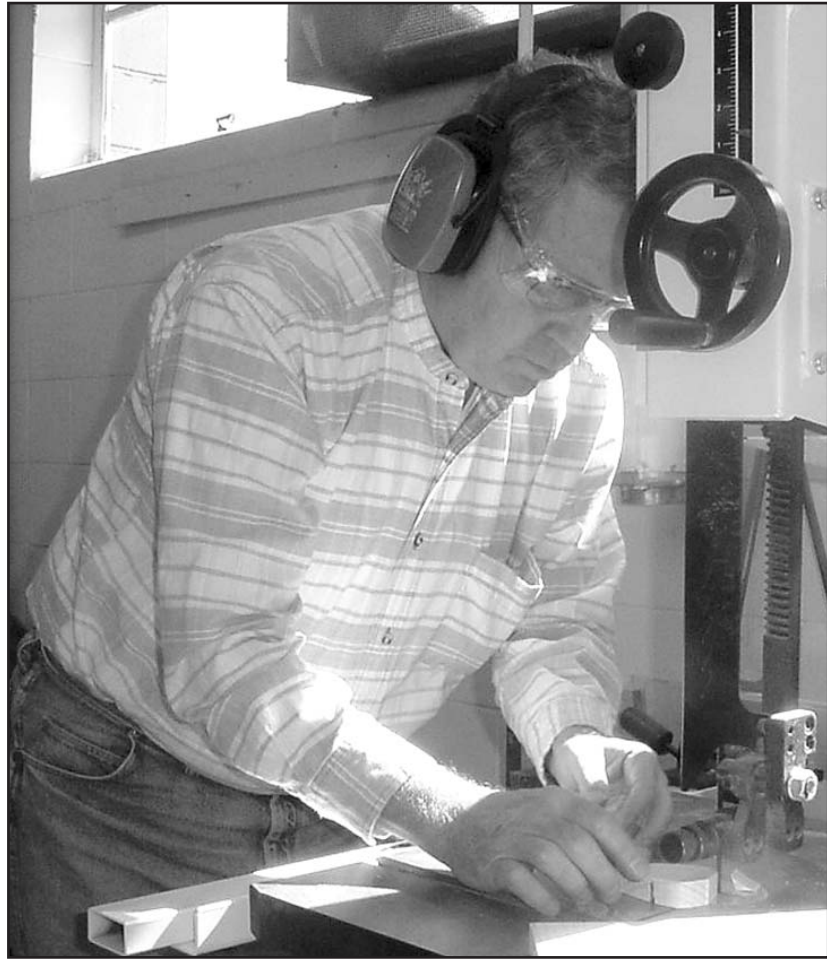
♥ **U-frame-it workshop:** Do-it-yourself in this self-paced class for beginner framers. Class meets two hours, two days a week for two weeks.

You will learn to cut mats and frames and what materials to use. Cost is \$25 per student and includes all supplies. Dates and times are flexible. Call Ext. 7836.

♥ **Crafts classes:** The skills development center's upcoming classes for adults include making a wood candle holder Tuesday. Cost for this class is \$6 and includes supplies. Make a porcelainized flower pin in the class Feb. 26. Cost is \$5 and includes all supplies.

Children's crafts classes including making a puzzle people pin Wednesday or Thursday or make a straw hat Leprechaun Feb. 27 or Feb. 28. Cost for children's classes is \$4 and includes all supplies.

Call the skills development center at Ext. 7836 or stop by the center to check out the display of craft class projects.



Pam Wickham

Wood shop 101

Greg Havens uses the band saw available in the wood skills center. Learn to use the wood shop by taking one of the wood-working workshops available at the skills development center. Workshops are open to ages 10 and older. Call Ext. 7836.

Lunch Buffet at the Columbus Club

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$4.95 for members

\$7.50 for nonmembers

Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

Today
Fried Catfish
Popcorn Shrimp
Cherry Cobbler

Wednesday
Beef Tips with Rice
Chicken Cacciatore
Apple Cobbler

Monday
Club closed for holiday

Thursday
Roast Pork Loin
BBQ Brisket
Apple Dumplings

Tuesday
Meat Loaf
Sweet and Sour Pork
Banana Pudding



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AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:15 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Monday — Thursday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Friday

11:30 a.m. — Communion

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

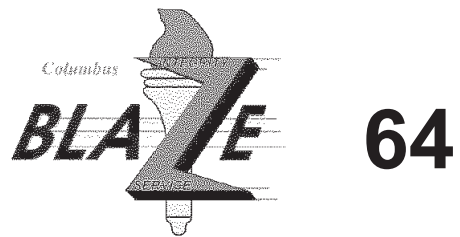
All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today
"Ali" R, language and some brief violence, 157 min.)
Starring Will Smith and Jamie Foxx.

Saturday
"Lord of the Rings" (PG-13, epic battle sequences and some scary images, 165 min.)
Starring Elijah Wood and Bill Boyd.

Feb. 22
"Kate and Leopold" PG-13, brief and strong language, 121 min.)
Starring Meg Ryan and Hugh Jackman.

Feb. 23
"Imposter" PG-13, intense sci-fi violence, some sensuality and language, 95 min.)
Starring Gary Sinise and Madeline Stowe.



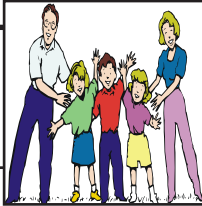
BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories. Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

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FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Money management: A seminar entitled "Money and Marriage" is from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

The seminar focuses on setting up joint accounts and how to create budgets.

LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities offered are at the family advocacy office located on the second floor of the 14th Medical Group unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2239.)

Donations: Family advocacy is accepting donations of women's and children's clothes for Safehaven. Safehaven is the local shelter for abused women and children. Items such as toys and furniture are also accepted.

BASE NOTES



Toothbrush giveaway: In celebration of Children's Dental Health Month, the 14th Medical Group dental clinic is having a toothbrush giveaway from 1 to 4 p.m. today at the main exchange. This event is part of a series of events designed to educate people on children's dental health. Call Ext. 2250.

Essay contest: The deadline to enter the African-American Heritage essay contest is Wednesday. The essay must be 500 words or less. Participants must be high school students in the Golden Triangle area.

The Grand prize is \$50 and the first place winner receives \$25. Essays are judged on creativity, originality and writing style. Winners will be announced at the African-American Heritage banquet Feb. 22. Call Ext. 7440.

Pancake breakfast: The Wesley Foundation offers a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at 224 Eleventh Street South adjacent to the Mississippi University for Women campus.

Cost is \$4. The foundation is a campus ministry for the United Methodist

Church at the MUW. Call 328-1998.

Retirement seminars: The civilian personnel flight offers pre-planning retirement seminars from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26 at the Phillips Auditorium. Feb. 25 is for Civil Service Retirement System employees and Feb. 26 covers Federal Employees Retirement System employees. Call Ext. 2641 or 2647.

AROUND TOWN



Fun run: Registration for the Lake Lowndes 5K/1-mile run begins at 8 a.m. March 16 at Lake Lowndes State Park. The race begins at 9 a.m. Pre-registration cost is \$10 and \$12 the day of the race. Call 328-2110.

Antebellum tours: The 62nd annual Columbus Pilgrimage is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 2 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 10 p.m. April 2 in downtown Columbus. Cost is \$15 per person. Call 329-3533.

Softball league: The Caledonia Sports Association is signing up boys age 5 to 12 and girls age 5 to 16 for the Dizzy Dean Softball League. A birth certificate and \$30 fee is required. Call (662) 356-6338 for more information.

SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The following are the current standings for the intramural basketball playoffs. All teams were entered into the double-elimination tournament due to the shortened regular season. Call Ext. 2772.



Name: Mike Kosderka

Position: Guard

Team: 50th FTS

Hometown: Oregon, Pa.

Why player of the week: Mike Kosderka led his team with 26 points against the 14th Operations Support Squadron. Although his team lost in the first round of the playoffs, Kosderka's hustle and team spirit has earned him player of the week honors.

Team	Wins	Losses
14th OSS	3	0
14th MSS	1	0
DynCorp	1	0
37th/41st	1	1
50th FTS	1	1
48th FTS	1	1
14th LS	1	1
14th MDG	Eliminated	
14th CS	Eliminated	
14th SFS	Eliminated	

SHORTS

Youth trip

The youth center offers a trip to see the Mississippi State University Bulldogs play the Auburn Tigers at 2 p.m. Saturday at MSU. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504.

Bench press competition

The Air Education and Training Command Bench Press Competition is at 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at the fitness and sports center.

There will be six categories based on weight and gender. The highest placing active-duty person will compete in the AETC competition in May. Call Ext. 2772 for details.

Bowling standings

The following are the intramural bowling standings current as of Wednesday. Call Ext. 2426.

Team	Wins	Losses
Stroke	122	22
14th SFSI	90	54
Retirees	84	60
14th MSS	84	60
14th SVS	76	68
14th SFS2	54	90
Team 7	38	106